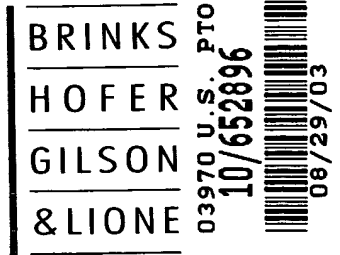


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Enclosed is a specification, including claims and 3 sheets of drawings, for a patent application, filed via "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service to obtain a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53(b). The filing fee and Declaration are not included at this time.

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